

## **Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board and Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, April 28, 2005**

Chairs Farrell and Stamsta called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Duane Stamsta (Chair), Jim Jeskewitz, Andy Kallin, Bill Kramer, Sandy Wolff and Barbara Roncke. **Absent:** Rob Hutton

**Board Members Present:** Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), Richard Wutt; and Supervisors Duane Paulson, Duane Stamsta and Vera Stroud. **Absent:** Citizen Members JoAnn Weidmann, Dr. John Guy and Mike O'Brien

**Also Present:** Chief of Staff Lee Esler; Health & Human Services (H&HS) Director Peter Schuler, H&HS Deputy Director Don Maurer, Intake and Support Services Manager Antwayne Robertson, Adolescent and Family Services Manager Pat Voss, Economic Support Coordinator Sue Schmitz, Nursing and Patient Services Coordinator Ardean Orth, Clinical Therapist Eve Altizer, Mental Health Advisory Committee members Linda Cole (Chair) and Kathryn Franke, and Child and Family Services Advisory Committee members Jane DeGeorge (Chair), Lynne Ketchum, Joanna Hemschmeyer and Jane Batha.

### **Committee Agenda Items**

#### **Approve Minutes of April 14, 2005**

Kallin pointed out that there is a correction to the minutes under the "Approval of Minutes of March 31, 2005", the motion should read, Jeskewitz moved, seconded by Kramer.

MOTION: Kramer moved, seconded by Jeskewitz to approve the minutes of April 14, 2005 with the correction noted. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **Announcements**

Kallin announced that today is "Bring your Kids to Work Day" and he introduced us to his son, Cody.

#### **Executive Committee Report April 19, 2005**

Stamsta advised of the following issues discussed at the 4-18-05 Executive Committee meeting.

- Approved appointments
- Senator Mary Lazich, Representative Scott Jensen and County Executive Dan Finley discussed the proposal of transferring the title of UW-Waukesha to the State of Wisconsin, changing it from a two-year college into a four-year degree program. Jensen supports the notion of two-year colleges in certain parts of the state. Jensen will push this forward as a change to UW-Waukesha only and feels each legislator should decide what to do with the colleges in their area. It was the Committee's suggestion to keep a two-year college.
- 2005-2007 State Budget was discussed including the financial responsibility of ICFMR's from the state to the county and how it will impact the county's budget. Jensen stated he had heard this from a number of counties and will see what he can do.

- The proposed tax freeze was also discussed and Jensen stated that the property tax freeze will come up more quickly than TABOR.
- Cummings and Finley both addressed the TABOR issue – a freeze of the expenditure restraint would hamper us.
- Regarding Medical Assistance, Jensen felt that many companies were abusing Badgercare by lowering employees wages and using Badger Care as a way to avoid paying for health insurance.
- Jensen also said that the State should stop taking senior care application because the federal government will end the program.

### **Meeting Approvals**

MOTION: Kramer moved, seconded by Jeskewitz to approve the attendance of committee members at the Public Hearing on May 2, 2005. There will be seating at the front for all board and committee members.

### **Board Agenda Items**

#### **Approve Minutes of April 14, 2005**

MOTION: Wutt moved, seconded by Stroud to approve the minutes of April 14, 2005. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Correspondence**

A copy of a release from the State Department of Health and Family Services was distributed reporting that a Wisconsin man from the Eau Claire area had measles (rubeola).

### **Advisory Committee Reports**

Farrell announced that the Joint Advisory Committee Annual Meeting is being held on Monday, May 2, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. prior to the Public Hearing. A copy of the agenda was distributed.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

#### **Committee Agenda Items**

#### **Elect Committee Vice-Chair**

MOTION: Kramer made a motion seconded by Roncke to appoint Jeskewitz as Committee Vice Chair. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Board Agenda Items**

#### **Child and Family Services Advisory Committee Needs List Presentation**

Jane DeGeorge and Lynne Ketchum started the needs presentation as reporter and commentator and having board and committee members read statistics about the county followed by Lynne's or Jane's comments on the identified need. The statistics included the population growth of Waukesha County by 77,295 people since the late 1970's. The average price of a home sold in 2004 in Waukesha County was \$299,778 – median price \$250,000. In 2004 Hebron House's three homeless shelters provided 20,404 nights of shelter representing 304 households, 915

households had to be turned away which reflects an 81% increase from the 2003 number of 505 households turned away. In 2005 the Waukesha Housing Authority has 1,371 Section 8 vouchers which provide a family in need discounted rent to not exceed 30% of their gross pay. There are 1,398 households on the waiting list. The total number of children who are waiting for housing is 2,689. The wait time for a Section 8 voucher is 3-5 years long. In 2003 there were 11,092 individuals living below the poverty level in Waukesha County which is up 70% from 2002. In 2004 there were 8,697 people on Food Stamps, in January there were 2,492 families including 2,647 children using the Food Pantry. Worker caseloads at the Workforce Development Center never fell below 443 families per worker for medical assistance and reached a high of 478 families for two consecutive months. Placement of a child in residential treatment can cost \$45,000 - \$65,000 per year. Since the implementation of 211 in June of 2002 the hotline has experienced a 19% call volume increase. In 2003, Waukesha County DHHS received 594 reports alleging 663 incidences of abuse and/or neglect involving 743 children, 49.2% (327) of these incidences involved sexual abuse.

As a result of the above statistics the needs of the Child and Family Services Advisory Committee were as follows:

- 1) Continue to adequately support programs that promote child protection as well as family and community safety.
- 2) Continue to expand programs that assist families in maintaining household stability and their current living situation.
- 3) Implement a Change Reporting Center that would provide a timely way for customers to speak directly with an Economic Support Specialist to report changes, i.e. address, employment, etc.
- 4) Increase services to the severely emotionally disturbed children at risk for out of home placement through wrap-around delivery system and flexible funding for summer, after school, weekend and crisis respite programming.
- 5) Funds are needed to ensure adequate staffing of the 211 line to address to 19% increase in call volume.
- 6) Implement a Child Advocacy Center in Waukesha County to alleviate secondary trauma to children who have been victims of physical or sexual abuse and neglect.

Stamsta stated that cost figures are needed for #1, #2, #3 and #6. Robertson provided the dollar figure for #3 would be \$47,397 for a person to man the position. On #6, they are not specifically asking for funds at this time. Their goal is that by March of 2006, they are looking at start-up funding sources, i.e. Department of Justice and United Way. The Advisory Committee wanted to make sure the members of the Health and Human Services Board and Committee are aware of this being done. They have a broadly representative group working on this effort.

Reasons for the Child Advocacy Center is to speed up the timing of the forensic interviews in order to minimize the trauma and to avoid going into Milwaukee for these interviews. In 2003 49 cases went to Milwaukee County for this purpose. Most often these children are accompanied by a DHHS social worker and a law enforcement officer who must travel to Milwaukee with the child resulting in increasing costs and time. Also as the Child Protective Center in Milwaukee becomes increasingly busy, the time to access it can be as long as three weeks from the date of the incident.

## **Mental Health Advisory Committee Needs List Presentation**

Linda Cole, Chairperson of the Mental Health Advisory Committee thanked the board. A list of their unmet needs was handed out to all members. Their list includes the following needs:

- 1) Support the continuation of the 2005 array and levels of services provided to Waukesha County residents including access to new psycho pharmaceuticals for both children and adults.
- 2) Increase services to the SED (seriously emotionally disturbed) population through wrap-around delivery system and flexible funding for summer and weekend respite programming.
- 3) The development of a Clubhouse for youth to target young adults who are in transition from children's mental health services to the adult program.
- 4) Clubhouse job placement services – a technical upgrade for computers and copiers.
- 5) Organize a peer support program for mentoring and other services from peers – to set up an organizational structure (consumer board/program)
- 6) Enhancing education and supportive services and case management for families who have SED children.

Regarding need #2, Eve Altizer stated this continues to be a need – using this money for increased support to families through summer and weekend respite programming. If we cannot do this there is a chance of a child being placed in an out of home placement. We can provide respite at a cost of \$3,000 per child per year whereas an out of home placement would cost up to \$94,700 per child per year. This need is the same as that stated in the Child and Family Services Advisory Committee list. St. Aemilian's has a summer program but it costs about \$3,000. Kallin state he is familiar with the St. Aemilian's program and stated it is something that is really needed. There was continued discussion on help for foster families and the goal there is reunification and if we know there is no chance of reunification can TPR's be done more quickly. The real issue for children is permanency and stability. Maurer suggested that we offer this as a presentation at a future meeting. Jesús Mireles can discuss the PEP (Performance Enhancement Plan) for foster parents and the short-term money we received and what was done with that money.

Regarding need #6, Kathryn Franke worked with 50 families with SED children. Families don't understand the mental health system and they are very fearful of getting the county involved. Parental request for information increased by 45% - they need access to more information through education. Children's Mental Health Outreach staff have four full time members but everything is increasing – do we spend \$50,000 for a new case manager or do we augment a program?

Linda Cole talked briefly about the Clubhouse. They are asking for \$5,000 for technical upgrades to computers and copiers in order to operate the job placement services. This would also help up prepare for the Young Adult Program. This program targets young adults who are transitioning from children mental health services to adult mental health services. They would need .5 staff for program development and would be run out of the present Clubhouse and deals with education, job development, job placement and support.

Maurer stated that prior to the meeting with the County Executive, the Board will meet on May 5<sup>th</sup> to develop and prioritize the list of the recommendations.

### **Joint Committee/Board Agenda Items**

#### **Update Members on Incident Command System Training on April 25, 2005**

Farrell and Weidmann attended this meeting along with staff from Public Health, Health and Human Services and Environmental Health. The purpose was to discuss what would be done if we had to move into an emergency government status due to a need for mass inoculations. A folder was handed out which included a chart of the “Mass Clinic Command Structure” – an org chart with the names of staff who will be filling those positions and also job action sheets for each one of these positions. This was an initial meeting to do an overview of the training. Staff now know who to report to and what needs to be done. As members of the board, it might fall into our hands to determine priority for immunizations, that the disabled are handled properly, registration, etc. The board will be kept informed of future meeting progress.

MOTION: Wutt moved, seconded by Paulson to adjourn the board meeting at 4:05 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, seconded by Kallin to adjourn the committee meeting at 4:05 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Recorded by Kathy Leach, Office Services Coordinator, Health and Human Services

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date